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The Adhesive Postage Stamp.

The *Daily Telegraph*, of London, claiming to have the “largest circulation in the world,” in its article upon the City of London Postal Jubilee Commemoration at the Guildhall, writes, the 16th May :—

“In January, 1840, the uniform penny rate came into operation throughout these islands, and Parliamentary franking was abolished. Four months later Adhesive Postage Stamps, the invention of Mr. JAMES CHALMERS, a Dundee printer, were introduced, and found so ready a sale that supply was at first unable to meet the demand. It is an interesting fact that of these ‘labels’ — which were not separable by perforation until 1853—over fifty thousand millions have been printed and issued in this country alone between May 1, 1840, and the present time. Within ten years of the birth of penny postage the number of letters annually delivered by ‘the Department’ had considerably more than tripled itself, and is now estimated, we believe, at between sixteen and seventeen hundred millions—exclusive of post-cards, book packets, and newspapers, to the number of some six hundred additional millions—for the current year. . . .”

